MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No, only the opinion of the Road Board is obtained. Government will consider it, sanction it, and make provision for it in the Budget. The Road Board is only a recommending Board.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): In view of the fact that there are two branches of the Road Board, viz., the Central Board and the District Board, may I know to which of these two Boards, the representations made here are forwarded?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter now in question has been placed before the Central Board.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Central Board is in a position to act upon the representations independent of the District Board?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Central Board will record its opinion and perhaps get the opinion of the District Board also if necessary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is open to a member to address the District Board or the Central Board direct, otherwise than through the Council?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Trace from Njekkad to Nadayara.

33. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken towards the conversion of the trace running from Njekkad to Nadayara in the Chirayinkil taluk, and, if so, what?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Administrative sanction has been accorded for the work and there is provision for it in the Budget for 1106. The work will be taken up soon.

Local allowance to the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

34. MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Secretary to the Legislative Council had been given, besides his pay, any amount as local allowance till the 30th Karkatakam 1105;

(*b*) if so, whether the present Secretary is given the allowance;

(*c*) if not, the reason for discontinuing the same;

(*d*) the amount now given to the Secretary to the Legislative Council, over and above the pay he was receiving in 1104; and

(*e*) whether he has more work now than before?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Yes. The Secretary to the Legislative Council was given a local allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem till the end of 1105. The local allowance was abolished with effect from the 3rd Chingom 1106, as the scale of pay of the Secretaries was raised from that date to Rs. 400-50-600 and he has been given the assistance of an Assistant Secretary.

(*d*) Nil.

(*e*) Yes.

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